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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 8, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the subject matter of Group II, namely claims 6-9, 15-18, 20, 23, and 24, drawn to methods for enhancing production of a protein in a plant comprising fusing a nucleic acid encoding a protein of SEQ. ID NO: 4 and a second nucleic acid where the fused nucleic acid encodes a fusion protein.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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